

1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be changed.

In re application of	:	
Giovanni Pietro CHIAVAROTTI et al.	:	
Serial No. NEW	:	Attn: Application Branch
Filed November 8, 2000	:	Attorney Docket No. 2000_1545
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING AN	:	
ELECTRODE AN USE OF THE	:	
ELECTRODE	:	
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of	:	
Serial No. 09/357,300,	:	
Filed July 20, 1999)	:	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified divisional application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a division of Serial No. 09/357,300 filed July 20, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel, without prejudice to the subject matter involved, claims 1-14 and 21-31.